

20240312 Land At RSPB Shorne Marshes Queens Farm Road Shorne

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Thank you for consulting us on this application and my apologies for the delayed response. I hope that you can take these recommendations into account.

The 'site' lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential with some complexity with regards the Holocene alluvial sequences and underlying pre-Holocene topography. The application has been made with an Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (Canterbury Archaeological Trust) which usefully reports the present understanding for the wider 'site'. The assessment demonstrates that the proposals have the potential to impact surface and below-ground archaeological remains, and therefore, I recommend that if planning permission is granted the following condition is applied to any forthcoming consent:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of

- i. archaeological field evaluation works in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; and
- ii. following on from the evaluation, any safeguarding measures to ensure preservation in situ of important archaeological remains and/or further archaeological investigation and recording in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure appropriate assessment of the archaeological implications of any development proposals and the subsequent mitigation of adverse impacts through preservation in situ or by record.

I would be happy to discuss further.